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Birds at Ft. Churchil and Weber Reservoir

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NV Birders:

I took another visit to Ft. Churchill in northern Lyon County from 4/18-4/21 and a drive along the Walker River below the Weber Reservoir dam on the Walker River Indian Reservation, northern Mineral County and saw these:

Walker River below the dam, 4/19, 7:30AM to 9AM:

- 5 Eared Grebe
- 1 Great Blue Heron
- 25 White-faced Ibis (Flying up the river)
- 6 Wood Duck
- 5 Mallard (These wild Mallards are terrified of humans)

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- 2 Northern Shoveler (M&F)
- 1 Cinnamon Teal
- 1 Ruddy Duck
- 1 Turkey Vulture
- 4 Red-tailed Hawk
- 2 American Kestrel
- 4 California Quail
- 2 Red-shafted Northern Flicker
- 1 Say's Phoebe
- 2 Raven
- 6 Barn Swallow
- 9 Tree Swallow
- 2 Bank Swallow
- 4 American Robin
- 1 Multitude European Starling
- 6 White Crowned Sparrow (3 West Taiga, 3 undetermined)
- 2 House Sparrow
- At Fort Churchill, 4/18-4/20:
- 21 White-faced Ibis
- 1 Multitude Canada Goose

- 14 Wood Duck
- 7 Mallard
- 1 Common Merganser
- 2 Red Tailed Hawk
- 6 American Kestrel
- 1 Prairie Falcon
- 2 Chukar
- 6 California Quail
- 2 Killdeer
- 2 Rock Pigeon
- 4 Mourning Dove
- 2 Red-shafted Northern Flicker
- 1 Black Phoebe
- 1 Say's Phoebe
- 4 Raven
- 6 American Robin
- 2 Western Bluebird
- 1 Large Multitude European Starling
  (Most big cottonwoods had a pair).
- 4 Black-throated Sparrow

7 White-crowned Sparrow (All West Taiga )

Note: On the Wood Ducks: The rancher turned water onto the meadow west of the park at 7:30AM, scaring 6 off the tiny pond on its southwest side. By 3PM the meadow was all wet and all 14 of these were on puddles, the little pond and in the grass around it.

A great View: All these White faced Ibis landed in the meadow with the Wood Ducks. Flying in formation, the green iridescence reflected from all their backs and wings at the same time and made an interesting spectacle.

More Later;

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